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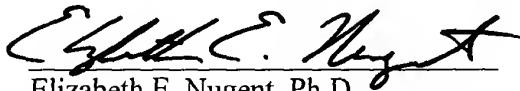
Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

A three (3) month extension of time, from November 15, 2000 to and including February 15, 2001 is requested to respond to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2000 in the above-referenced application. A check to cover the large entity extension fee of \$890 is enclosed.

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